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TAGS: EMIN, EINV, AS

SUBJECT: DILLINGHAM CLAIM

REF: (A) STATE 44802, (B) CANBERRA 1393

- 1. DILLINGHAM OFFICIALS, HERBERT CORNUELL (PRESIDENT), ED CARTER (VICE-PRESIDENT), DERRY HILL (MANAGER, AUSTRALIA), AND MIKE BRADFIELD (WASHINGTON ATTORNEY), CALLED ON RESOURCES ATTACHE AFTER THEIR MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DOUG ANTHONY ON FEBRUARY 28. CORNUELLE SUMMED UP THE MEETING WITH GOA BY STATING THAT DILLINGHAM HAD BEEN "POLITELY TOLD TO GO TO HELL." CORNUELLE ALSO STATED THAT HE DID NOT EMPLOY ANY PRESSURE TACTICS WITH ANTHONY THIS TIME BUT THAT THE GLOVES ARE OFF NOW.
- 2. ANTHONY TOLD DILLINGHAM THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS RULED THAT GOA HAS NO OBLIGATION TO PAY AT ALL AND THAT ANY PAYMENT IS EX GRATIA. THE DOLS A 4 MILLION IS THE FINAL GOA POSITION, AND IT WILL COVER ONE YEAR'S PROFITS AND SHUTDOWN COSTS. ACCORDING TO GOA.
- 3. DILLINGHAM BELIEVES THEIR CASE IS LOST UNLESS THE USG INTERCEDES ON THEIR BEHALF. BRADFIELD, UPON HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RETURN TO WASHINGTON, WILL AGAIN BE LOBBYING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND USG FOR SUPPORT FOR THE DILLINGHAM CLAIM. BRADFIELD BELIEVES THAT SECTION 310 OF THE TRADE ACT GIVES DILLINGHAM AND YHE USG THE LEVERAGE NEEDED TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE MORE FAVORABLY.

4. HILL AND BRADFIELD WILL BE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR

ALSTON ON MARCH 3 TO SEEK HIS ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE ON WHAT COURSE OF ACTION TO PURSUE.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY NOT SURPRISED BY GOA'S INFLEXIBILITY ON THIS ISSUE. PAST CONTACTS WITH GOA OFFICIALS ON THIS SUBJECT NEVER AT ANY TIME DEMONSTRATED THAT GOA WAS WILLING TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. ALSTON

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